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Gratuity to retired Commissioner of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

*1825 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of gratuity and other retirement benefits given to the persons who retired from the post of the Commissioner of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments prior to the present incumbent; and

(*b*) on what basis the benefits were conferrred and under what rules?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Under rule (1) of the rules framed under section 104 (2) of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951, if the President or any other member of the ex-Hindu Religious Endowment Board is appointed as a Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner, he shall not be eligible for any pension but he shall be eligible for a gratuity not exceeding one month's emoluments for each completed year of service as calculated from the date of his entertainment as the President or as a member of the Board. With reference to this rule Sri T. M. Chinnayya Pillai who was the only person who retired from the post of Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department was paid a retiring gratuity of Rs. 9,600. This amount was calculated on the basis of one month's salary of Rs. 1,200 for each of the eight complete years of service to the credit of Sri Chinnayya Pillai."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Social Welfare Centres

186 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Social Welfare Centres in the City of Madras;

(*b*) the total amount of aid given by the Central Government through the Central Social Welfare Board;

(*c*) the amount of aid granted by the State Government to each of the institutions;

(*d*) the number of Women's Welfare Centres among them; and

(*e*) the number of institution specialising in the welfare of delinquents and the physically and mentally handicapped?

A.—(*a*) Fifty-one Social Welfare Centres.